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| (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further co (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE belo | nsideration and/or search (see NO | | · | | | | |
| (c) They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or | | | | | | | |
| (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a | corresponding number of finally rej | ected claims. | | | | | |
| NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. (See 37 CFR 1.1 | 16 and 41.33(a)). | | | | | | |
| 4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.1 | | mpliant Amendment | (PTOL-324). | | | | |
| 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s) | | | | | | | |
| Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be a non-allowable claim(s). | · | | | | | | |
| 7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) how the new or amended claims would be rejected is pro The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: | | ll be entered and an o | explanation of | | | | |
| Claim(s) allowed: | | | | | | | |
| Claim(s) objected to: | | | | | | | |
| Claim(s) rejected: <u>1-33</u> . Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: | | | | | | | |
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| The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, be because applicant failed to provide a showing of good an was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e). | | | | | | | |
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| 10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached. | | | | | | | |
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| 11. The request for reconsideration has been considered by | ut does NOT place the application i | n condition for allowa | nce because: | | | | |
| 12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). 13. Other: | (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). | | | | | | |
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Continuation of 3. NOTE: The added limitations change the scope of the claims and therefore require additional consideration.